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The PILGRIMAGE.

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After his CONDEMNATION,

The Day before his Death.



Give me my Scollap-Shell of Quiet,
My Staff of Faith to lean upon ;
My Scrip of Joy, Immortal Diet,
My Bottle of Salvation ;
My Gown of Glory, Hopes True Gage:
And thus I'll go my Pilgrimage.

Blood must be my Body's Balm,
For here no other Balm is given ;
Whilst my Soul, like a quiet Palm,
Travels to the Land of Heaven,
And there I'll kiss the Bowl of Bliss,
And drink m' Eternal Fill on ev'ry milky Hill.
My Soul may be a thirst before ;
But after, it shall ne'er thirst more.

And in this happy Blissful Way
More Painful Pilgrims I shall see,
Which have put off their Rags of Clay,
And go Apparell'd Fresh, like me :
I'll bring them first to quench their Thirst
To the Pure Wells where Sweetness dwells ;
And then to Taste of Nectar-Suckets,
Drawn up by Saints in Cristal Buckets.

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And when our Bottles, and all We,
 Are fill'd with Immortality,
 The Holy Pathes of Heav'n we'll Travel,
 With Rubies strew'd as thick as Gravel;
 Cielings of Di'monds, Sapphire-Floors,
 High Walls of Corral, Pearly-Bow'rs.
 And then to Heav'ns *Bribeless* Hall,
 Where no *Corrupted Voices* bawl;
 No *Conscience* molded into *Gold*;
 No *Forg'd Accuser* Bought nor Sold;
 No *Cause* Deferr'd, no vain-spent Journey:
 For CHRIST Himself's the Kings Attorney,
 Who Pleads for All, without Degrees;
 For He hath *Angels*, but no *Fees*.
 And when the Grand Twelve-Million Jury
 Of all my Sins, shall, in a Fury,
 Against my Soul Black Verdict give;
 Christ pleads His *Death*, and I shall *Live*.
 Great Counsellor! Plead Thou my Cause;
 In Thy Proceedings can be found no Flaws;
 Thou won't Salvation as an Alms,
 Not by the Lawyers *Bribed Palms*.
 And this shall be my Eternal Plea,
 To Him that made Heav'n, Earth, and Sea,
 That since my Flesh must Die so soon,
 And want a Head to Dine next Noon;
 Even at the Stroke when my Veins spread,
 Set on my Soul an Everlasting Head.
 Then am I Ready, like a Palmer fit,
 To Tread those Paths that I before have Writ.

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